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AIR MAIL

Lt. Col. Leon H. Connell
Marine Air Reserve Training Command
U. S. Naval Air Station
Glenview, Illinois

Dear Colonel Connell:

I am grateful to you for receiving me so warmly on my recent trip to Cherry Point. I consider it a privilege to have addressed the men and officers of the Marine Air Reserve.

It will not be possible for me to go to El Toro this year. Even had I been able to get a plane to take me to Glenview, I would have been away from my duties here at the Agency for too long.

I have spoken with a number of people here, including our Director of Training, as to how we might be of help to you in your training program. All agree that the Strategic Intelligence School, with its long experience in conducting courses for reserve intelligence officers, would be the most immediately helpful source of training ideas and material. Colonel Aldon M. Hoffman, Chief of the Department of General Instruction at SIS, has indicated he would be very pleased to discuss with you his experience with reserve training and to send you any material that might be of help to you. I might add that the SIS has practically become an interdepartmental institution here in Washington. It is designed primarily for the training of Army and Air Force officers, but there are frequently Navy and Marine Corps officers in attendance. The lecturers come from throughout the Government, CIA furnishing the majority of guest lecturers.

If you would like to write to Colonel Hoffman, here is the address:

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Chief, Department of General Instruction
Strategic Intelligence School
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In addition, if CIA's Office of Training can be of help to you, our services are at your disposal. We do not have, however, a course that would fit the scope of your program as I understand it.

I hope to have the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,


CIA Orientation Officer

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